

DOCJT Award Winners Honored

In its annual awards ceremony, the Department of Criminal Justice Training honored multiple staff members in 2014 with top honors. Each year, awards are presented to deserving individuals honored as Instructor of the Year and Administrative Staff Person of the Year. Additionally, Commissioner John W. Bizzack awards the Commissioner's Award and the Teamwork Award.

Winners for 2014 were Walt Tangle and Trang Baseheart.

The Instructor of the Year in 2014 was Leadership Training Instructor Walt Tangel.

Since he began his service at DOCJT in 2004, Tangel has been lauded for his professionalism and dedication to providing relevant and current information to his classes. He is responsible for DOCJT's Police Executive Command Course and Current Leadership Issues for Mid-Level Executives among other assignments.

"Mr. Tangel maintains the level of excellence and respect that his position requires to address the police executives and administrators in our commonwealth," his nomination letter states. "He has become an excellent resource with contacts and networking that extends across the state, nation and world."

The Administrative Staff Person of the Year was Graphic Designer



Trang Baseheart. A member of the Communication Section, Baseheart assumed the lead role in the coordinated roll out of the new DOCJT and KLEC logos she designed. She went above and beyond to not only create and implement the new design, but also to work individually with other staff to ensure a smooth transition in every venue within the organization.

"Best of all, the new logo has been embraced, hundreds of items have been gathered under a cohesive branding umbrella, the overall organization reflects professionalism in its materials and the entire staff is marching to the same branding beat," her nomination letter states. "All this can be attributed directly to Trang, her work ethic, her design skills and her dedication to professionalism."

Two Commissioner's Awards were given this year to Staff Assistant Edliniae Sweat and the Basic Training Curriculum Design Team. Sweat was rewarded in part for her efforts with this year's CALEA accreditation process.

"Although all DOCJT personnel were indirectly involved in the preparation process for the on-site, the scope of Edliniae's involvement and leadership role extends far beyond the peripheral," her nomination letter states.

The Basic Training Curriculum Design Team included DOCJT staff members Patrick Miller, Kelley Calk, Steve Howard, Mike Roe, Larry Sennett, Gina Smith, James VanHook, Ben Wilcox, Bill Sullivan and Thomas Atkins. The group worked together, deciding how to use the recent Job Task Analysis' essential duties for performance outcomes and put them into a logical sequence and structure that would allow recruit officers to build on the learning process, their nomination letter states. This group is responsible for the creation and overall structure of the 2015 22-week Basic Training Curriculum approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

The Teamwork award was given to the DOCJT staff as a whole for successfully attaining the CALEA Gold Standard Assessment.